

CONFIDENTIAL

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: 1/2/57

SUBJECT: Visit of King Saud to United States

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. James T. Duce, ARAMCO

Mr. Fraser Wilkins, NE
Mr. David Newsom, NE

COPIES TO: NE, NEA, U/PR

11557 - 1188 Balm
2 RM/R

1188

R

785A.11/1-257

03/F

10

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDG/NE

REVIEWED BY James T. Duce DATE 10/17/82

RDS ☐ or XDS ☐ EXT. DATE _____

TS AUTH. _____ REASON(S) _____

ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☒

DECLASSIFIED ☒ RELEASABLE ☒

RELEASE DENIED ☐

PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS _____

This Document First Returned to: _____

After a general discussion of the President's new proposals regarding the Middle East, Mr. Duce referred to the letter he had received from Mr. Davies in Dhahran concerning the prospect of King Saud's visiting the United States.

Mr. Duce said that he would like to know as soon as any definite plans had been made, since ARAMCO would have much to do with the unofficial aspects of the visit. Mr. Wilkins said that the matter was under consideration, but that no definite dates had been agreed upon. He emphasized that the details of State visits were the responsibility of the White House and that any announcement would come from that source. He acknowledged that ARAMCO would have a major role to play and said they would be informed as soon as plans were firm.

Mr. Duce said the King hoped to come part of the way by sea and discussed the difficulties of obtaining space on the American Export Lines for so large a party. He said his company would be pleased to assist. Mr. Wilkins said the Department would be in touch with him if this were necessary.

DC/R

Anal 6

Rev 6

Cat 6

NEA:NE:DDNewsom:md

1/9/57

CONFIDENTIAL

FEB 3 - 1957

FILED

786a.11/1-257